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**Amendments to the Claims**

A detailed list of all claims under examination is shown below. Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 12, 19, 31 and 36 as shown below in marked form:

1. (currently amended): A coated resilient floor comprising a strippable intermediate acrylic coating atop ~~the floor resilient flooring~~, and a urethane or acrylate topcoat atop the intermediate coating, wherein the topcoat comprises a waterborne composition which after drying or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating, and sufficiently strip agent-permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable ~~the~~ strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging ~~the floor flooring~~.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

3. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~floor~~ topcoat comprises ~~a resilient flooring material~~ an acrylate.

4. (currently amended): A coated floor according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the resilient flooring ~~material~~ comprises vinyl or vinyl composite flooring.

5. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 4, wherein the resilient flooring ~~material~~ comprises vinyl composite tiles.

6. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic finish.

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7. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened finish in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.
8. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a dry coating thickness of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.
9. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymerizable material.
10. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a one-part photopolymerizable material.
11. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a UV curable material.
12. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises an ~~acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane~~.
13. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
14. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
15. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat is not metal-catalyzed.

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16. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein after drying or hardening the topcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the topcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

17. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat has a thickness after drying or hardening of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.

18. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating or topcoat comprise two or more different layers of materials.

19. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~floor comprises~~ a resilient flooring material comprises vinyl composite tiles and the strip agent-permeable coating comprises a UV curable finish.

Claims 20-30 cancelled.

31. (currently amended): A method for applying a strippable finish to a ~~floor~~ resilient flooring, comprising:

- a) applying to the ~~floor~~ flooring a strippable intermediate acrylic coating;
- b) allowing the intermediate coating to dry or harden; and
- c) applying a urethane or acrylate topcoat to the intermediate coating,

wherein the topcoat comprises a waterborne composition which after drying or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating, and sufficiently strip agent-permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable the strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the ~~floor~~ flooring.

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32. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is UV cured.
33. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the intermediate coating is applied in two or more coats.
34. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is applied in two or more coats.
35. (original): A method according to claim 34, wherein each of said two or more coats is UV cured before application of any further coat.
36. (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, comprising the further steps of:
- d) applying a strip agent to the topcoat;
  - e) allowing the strip agent to permeate through the topcoat to attack the intermediate coating; and
  - f) removing the intermediate coating and topcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying ~~floor~~ flooring.
37. (previously presented): A method according to claim 36, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the topcoat is enhanced by mechanically roughening the topcoat prior to applying the strip agent.
38. (previously presented): A method according to claim 36, wherein removal of the intermediate coating and topcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.
39. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.
40. (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.